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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 6-23 and 25 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fujii (U.S. 20020122121).
3. Regarding claim 1, Fujii discloses (Fig. 5) a system for displaying an image . captured by a sensor array, the system comprising: a buffer (209) for storing an output from a first plurality of sensors of a sensor array (CCD); means (221) for processing the stored output to create an image corresponding to an output from a plurality of sensors within a first area of the sensor array, wherein the plurality of sensors within the first area of the sensor array are a subset of the first plurality of sensors; That is, when 224 is pressed, the image is enlarged (400x300), which is a subset of the original image (1600 X 1200), means (10) for displaying the image; a memory (210) for receiving and storing the image; and means (231 or 232 or 234) for changing the image displayed by translating the first area. That is, when the user zoomed in and moved the curser, the translating of the first area altered the image displayed by the displaying mean.

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1. Regarding claim 6, Fujii discloses a display (10) for displaying the image corresponding to the output from the plurality of sensors within the first area of the sensor array.
2. Regarding claim 7, Fujii discloses a user input device (230) for controlling the translation of the first area within the sensor array.
3. Regarding claim 8, Fujii discloses the user input device controls translation in a first direction and, independent translation in a second direction, substantially perpendicular to the first direction. That is, the first translation is moving the cursor vertically and the second direction is horizontally translated.
4. Regarding claims 9 and 10, Fujii discloses the first user input devices additionally arranged to resize (232) the first area (Zoom).
5. Regarding claim 11, the means for displaying an image comprises a processor (system control unit).
6. Regarding claims 14 and 15, Fujii discloses the system is incorporated in a digital camera.
7. Regarding claim 16, Fujii discloses (Fig. 17 and 18) wherein said resizing corresponds to a digital zoom.
8. Regarding claim 17, Fujii discloses wherein said translating of said first area is accomplished by a command (user input).
9. Regarding claim 18, Fujii discloses wherein resizing forms an image that is larger than said image created by said processing means. (Fig. 17 and Fig. 18).

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10. Regarding claim 19, Fujii discloses resizing forms an image that is smaller than said image created by said process means (Fig. 18 is smaller than Fig. 19).
11. Regarding claim 20, Fujii discloses a memory (211a or 91) for receiving and storing the image.
12. Regarding claim 21, Fujii discloses the memory (211) is a built in permanent memory.
13. Regarding claim 22, Fujii discloses the memory (91) is a removable memory.
14. Regarding claim 23, Fujii discloses the memory is for receiving and storing the output from the first plurality of sensors of the sensor array.
15. Regarding claim 25, Fujii discloses the device is the portable handheld device (digital camera).
16. Regarding claim 12, Fujii discloses a method for displaying an image, the method comprising: temporarily storing an output from a first plurality of sensors of a sensor array (313); processing the stored output to create an image corresponding to an output from a plurality of sensors within a first area of the sensor array, wherein the plurality of sensors within the first area of the sensor array are a subset of the first plurality of sensors; displaying (10) the image corresponding to an output from the plurality of sensors within the first area of the sensor array; receiving and storing the image in a memory (91); and displaying a different image in response to a user input that is equivalent to translating the first area within the sensor array
17. Regarding claim 13, Fujii discloses a system for displaying an image, the system comprising: a buffer (209) for storing an output from a first plurality of sensors (CCD)

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comprising an $N \times M$ array of light sensors, a processor for processing the stored output to create an image comprising an $n \times m$ (displayed by the LCD) array of pixels corresponding to an output from an $n \times m$ subset of the $N \times M$ array of light sensors, wherein the $n \times m$ subset of light sensors are a subset of the first plurality of sensors, and for controlling a display to display the image, wherein the corresponding $n \times m$ subset is changeable in response to a user input to vary the image for display (230); and a memory for receiving and storing the image.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

18. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

19. Claims 24, 26-29 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujii.

20. Regarding claim 24, Fujii discloses the invention set forth above. Fujii does not disclose the user input device is connected to the means for processing via a wireless link. It is well known to use a wireless link between the controller and the process device. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to connect the means for processing via a wireless link to give user the flexibility to control the device from a remote location.

21. Regarding claims 26 and 27, Fujii discloses the invention set forth above. Fujii does not disclose the system is incorporated in a mobile phone or a personal digital assistant. It is well known to implement the device into a mobile phone or personal digital assistant. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to place the system in mobile phone or PDA to allow users to capture images at will.

22. Regarding claims 28 and 29, Fujii discloses the invention set forth above. Fujii does not disclose what type of removable memory is used. It is well known to use a secure digital card or a microdrive as a removable memory. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use SD card or microdrive to store the data for the user to access it.

Response to Arguments

23. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 6-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

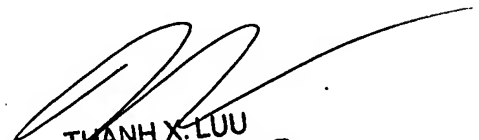
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Ko whose telephone number is 571-272-1926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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